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Plumbers 503 Extend Pact For 30 Days

Existing contract of Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas in the heating and plumbing industry has been extended for a period of 30 days, according to Business Manager Al Eversly.

The agreement was extended to provide additional time for negotiating a new contract, Eversly added.

Last week, Eversly attended a meeting of the Grievance Committee of the Associated General Contractors, at which it was agreed that all men to be called for the PG&E project at Moss Landing would be called through the offices of Plumbers Union 503 in Salinas, he reported.

Work for plumbers in the Salinas area is showing a steady pickup, Business Manager Al Eversly reports.

About 100 plumbers and pipe fitters are employed at present on the Moss Landing project for PG&E with more expected to be called. Work in Salinas area has shown an increase also.

Fraser Plumbing Co., of Pasadena, low bidder on the state prison project at Soledad, has contacted Local 503 and agreed to cooperate with local conditions. The Fraser firm will do all plumbing, heating and ventilating installations under two contracts with the state, if their bids are accepted.

Start of the Soledad project is waited now but official word of award of bids and of the beginning of work has not been received.

In Union Circles

Mrs. Margaret Brown, office secretary for Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, was vacationing in the Grand Canyon this week with her husband, LeRoy Brown, taking a well earned and well-deserved rest from her union duties.

That coming barbecue of Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas will be some affair, we understand. It will be so big an event that Secretary Al Clark of this union hurried back from his Yosemite vacation to assist the committee in making arrangements!

Looks like a new election will be held shortly for lettuce shed workers—this time one which will be decisive, with AFL, CIO and "no union" on the ballot.

Remember to register to be eligible to vote this November. Registration books are at several union offices as well as the city hall and county courthouse. If you've moved since last November, or if you did not vote last November, you must sign up again.

Steps for a new Salinas Labor Temple are gathering momentum. Labor Council Secretary Bud Kenyon has a report on progress in his "Central Labor Council Reporter" column in another part of this paper.

Carpenters Hall in Monterey is being completed rapidly. No moving day has been announced but it won't be long!

Bertha Boles, secretary of Culinary Alliance 467, and Al Clark, secretary of Bartenders Union 545, both organizations of Salinas, were in Hollister last week continuing their organizational efforts in San Benito County.

Painters Due For Soledad Prison Work

Call for painters for the farm buildings being built at the site of the new state prison at Soledad is expected by Local 1104 of Salinas, Business Agent Roy Hearn reports.

The construction of the farm and dairy buildings is reaching the stage where painting can be started, he added.

Andrade Plans Trip to Oregon

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of General Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County, will travel to Oregon for his annual vacation this year, he announced. Accompanied by his wife, Maude Andrade, the couple will drive north for a visit with friends and a much-needed rest from union affairs, he added.

BARTENDERS AT SALINAS PLAN BARBECUE AUGUST 23

Plans for a barbecue outing for bartenders, bar operators and owners and guests were announced last week by Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas, the affair scheduled at Salinas Rodeo Gun Club grounds, on San Juan Road near the Salinas Golf and Country Club, for all day Tuesday, August 23.

Secretary Al Clark of Local 545 said this day was picked because it is a holiday for bartenders, all bars closed due to the Salinas charter election on that day.

Proceeds from the barbecue—tickets are \$1 for bartenders, \$2 for guests—will go into the union's benefit and welfare fund for charity purposes, Clark said.

The same quality of steak served at last year's successful barbecue outing will be served again this year. In addition, refreshments and entertainment will be provided. Service will begin at 10 a.m. and the affair will close at 5 p.m.

Last year there were some 180 people at the barbecue and a much greater crowd is expected this year, Clark said.

Members of the committee making arrangements for the barbecue include Tony Eakins, chairman; Ray Roberts, A. W. Hamilton, Marcus Barnes, Dalton MacCandless, Robert Land, Chet Knox, union President Virgil Knight and union Secretary Al Clark.

The picnic grounds are located at 495 San Juan Road, at the gun club property, 200 yards east of the golf club, Clark explained.

Surprises Due At Kiddie Klub Show Next Week

Several hundred youngsters who attend the bi-weekly show at the Kiddie Klub of Teamsters Union 890 at Salinas High School Auditorium next week (Saturday, August 13) are due for some unexpected surprises, according to Al Harris, president of Local 890, and director of the shows.

In addition to the regular motion pictures presented as feature of the shows, there will be extra added attractions to delight all the kiddies, Harris promised.

Because of the nature of the surprises and because of the huge crowd expected at the next show, Harris declined to disclose just what the youngsters should expect but urged all children in the Salinas area to be on hand promptly at 10 a.m. to take part in the biggest Kiddies Klub event yet.

Monterey CLC Holds Action On Per Capita

Action on a proposed change in per capita collection for the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, a plan whereby the new Monterey Labor League for Political Education would benefit financially, was tabled by the council at last week's meeting, Acting Secretary George L. Rice reported.

The council, however, instructed its political committee members to meet with unions now opposed to the per capita plan in an effort to work out a harmonious solution to the matter, Rice added.

Pension Law Head Speaks Here Friday

George H. McLean, originator of the "Aged and Blind Act" pension law which was adopted last year by voters as Proposition No. 4 and the repeal of which is sought by opponents in this year's election, will discuss the pension law and its workings at a special public meeting in Salinas this Friday.

Gathering at Salinas High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. Friday, pensioners and others will hear the pension law traced from its inception through bitter attacks at this year's legislature.

Labor union members are urged to attend this meeting. Opposition to the repeal measure has been expressed by the State Federation of Labor.

Los Angeles.—Those who control our society had better see to it that it operates for the benefit of the common man if they don't want him to start shopping for a new type, Pres. Leo J. Buckley of the International Stereotypers & Electrotypers Union (AFL) warned in keynoting the union's 46th convention.

Salinas CLC Resolution Aids Teachers

Copy of a recently-adopted resolution which the Monterey County Central Labor Union sent to various school boards in Salinas for study and action was released to this paper this week for publication. The school boards are expected to inform the council of action as soon as meetings are held, Council Secretary W. G. Kenyon reports. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, The historic policy of the American Federation of Labor has been at all times and is now in support of free public education;

WHEREAS, The right to join labor unions is recognized by national and state laws, as well as by the Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, When employers and their representatives express objection to employees' joining labor unions, employees are by intimidation prevented from exercising a free choice on whether to join a labor union; and

WHEREAS, It has been reported that in Salinas some school administrators have to teachers expressed objection to teachers joining teacher unions;

THEREFORE, The Central Labor Union of Monterey County hereby requests of the Salinas School Boards that they issue a public statement to the effect that there shall on the part of school authorities be no discrimination of any sort against Salinas teachers for joining a teachers' union.

Sugar Plant At Spreckels Opens Aug. 17

Opening of the gigantic sugar beet processing plant at Spreckels is slated for next Wednesday, August 17th, it was announced last week.

Already the crews for the opening are being engaged, it was reported, and the plant will continue in operation throughout the summer. Employees are members of the AFL Sugar Workers Union of Monterey County.

Fertilizer Trust Probe Pending

Washington.—A resolution calling for a sweeping investigation of the fertilizer trust was pending before the Senate July 29.

Both farmer and labor support for the investigation has been obtained. The resolution was sponsored by Senators Glen Taylor (D., Idaho), Garret L. Withers (D., Ky.), Guy M. Gillette (D., Iowa), Olin Johnston (D., S.C.), John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), William Langer (R., N.D.), and Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.).

RESTRICTED PRODUCTION

The resolution said that the fertilizer monopoly restricted production, maintained high prices and held back productivity of agriculture. The potash industry, it said, saw a handful of companies controlling nearly 90 per cent of production. The potash corporations benefit from government aid and long-time leases of public lands, the resolution said, but they balk in negotiations for fair wages with their employees.

BATTLES FARMERS

In earlier congressional hearings, Ben Strong, Washington representative of the National Farmers Union, said that the fertilizer trust had fought the interests of farmers for more than 40 years.

New York.—Defeat of the Mundt and Ferguson anti-subversive bills was urged in letters to members of the Senate Judiciary Committee sent by New York City Councilman Stanley M. Isaacs, who is also chairman of the Conference Committee Against the Mundt and Ferguson Bills. The pending measures, Isaacs said, are "legislative monstrosities" which strike "at the civil rights of all Americans."

Street Paving Work Starting Here Next Week

Start of the \$192,969 project of widening and re-paving John and Abbott Streets, portions of Highway 101 through Salinas, is due this week, according to J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas.

McGinley said Ted F. Baun, of Fresno, contractor on the project, had informed him that the work would be started by August 15th, providing telephone and gas company crews were completed with new installations in time.

The project will be completed before the rainy season, it was reported. The streets will be closed during the project and traffic will be re-routed.

Fredrickson & Cassler, contractors on the repaving project on Highway 101 between San Ardo and King City, are making good progress, Business Agent McGinley of Laborers Union 272 reports.

Employment for members of Local 272 has shown steady improvement recently with nearly 200 laborers now employed at Moss Landing and with some going into the sugar plant at Spreckels for seasonal employment, McGinley added.

Negotiations For Canneries Still Underway

Although all of the Monterey Sardine Processors Association plants were closed last week by employers because of lack of a contract with the Fish Cannery Workers Union, negotiations were still progressing, Union Secretary Roy Humbricht reports.

Three plants, including one of the largest along Cannery Row, were open despite the shut down by association canneries, Humbricht said. Hovden's big plant was packing some albacore. Western Fish Processors and Central Cannery were also open, along with reduction plants.

Progress of the negotiations was not reported by Humbricht.

Meanwhile, the AFL Fishermen's Union at Monterey was endeavoring to reach agreement with canners on the price to be paid for sardines this season.

A good run of sardines in the bay was reported.

Capehart Thinks \$3,250 Too Much Family Income

Senator Homer E. Capehart (R., Ind.) believes a \$3,250 annual income is too high a salary.

Capehart says in a speech that the "real cost of government" is "\$6 1/2 billion for a payroll of over two million Federal employees."

Calling for lower government expenditures, Capehart goes on to talk about "selfish spenders," "misguided politicians," "bankrupting our country."

\$3,250 A YEAR

But a little arithmetic shows that the average government worker gets only \$3,250 a year. Yet Capehart, who is paid \$12,500, \$2,500 for expenses, by the Government himself, thinks that \$3,250 is too much. This is less than most families in the U.S. earn.

He says "the 1939 budget showed a payroll of \$1.8 billion for one million Federal employees." That was an average salary of \$1,800 a year. And Capehart implies that Government salaries should be back at that level!

Capehart overlooks the fact that Government salaries, like those of most working men and women, have just about kept up with the high cost of living, which Capehart and his conservative pals brought to this country by killing price controls in 1946.

PEOPLE WANT SERVICE

He also forgets that two million persons are working for the Government because the American people want the services these men and women are performing. The employees are aiding veterans, farmers, workers and even businessmen like Capehart.

Capehart, whose term expires next year, ends his speech with what are probably prophetic words, "I see my time is up."



HEADS RAIL UNION — At a special meeting in Cleveland, the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) executive board named William P. Kennedy, 57, president of the union, Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the BRT for the past two years, succeeds A. F. Whitney, who died of a heart attack.

REALTY POWERS SMASH TENANTS

Powerful real estate interests have opened a campaign to decontrol rents throughout southern California, thus threatening thousands of families in that section of the state with economic ruin.

Decontrol action is in motion in Bell, Bakersfield, Corona, Fresno, Huntington Park, Laguna, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Ana, Santa Monica, Sierra Madre and South Gate.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, this week recommended that all local unions follow local control hearings closely, and that rental protests be directed to Governor Warren in Sacramento, since final decontrol action rests with the chief executive of each state.

NLRB Declines Jurisdiction in Theater Case

The National Labor Relations Board declined to take jurisdiction in a secondary boycott case involving an \$80,000 drive-in theater being built in Pennsylvania, on the ground that the impact of the dispute upon interstate commerce was not sufficient to merit handling by the board.

The board found that the contractor and all of the sub-contractors on the project, with one exception, purchased all their materials from suppliers within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and performed all their work within Pennsylvania. The one sub-contracting firm which actually did some business and purchased some materials outside Pennsylvania did only \$800 worth of work on the theatre, the board found.

BTC CHARGED

In the case, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Pittsburgh, Pa., and vicinity and seven locals of A.F.L. Building Trades Unions were charged with illegal secondary boycott. A trial examiner for the N.L.R.B. who heard the case found only one of the labor organizations in violation—Local No. 5 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (A.F.L.).

On the basis of its jurisdictional ruling, the board dismissed the entire complaint against all the labor organizations.

The charges were based upon an attempt by a business agent for Local No. 5 to persuade members of other unions on the construction project to quit work because one sub-contractor did not employ members of the I.B.E.W.

The charges were filed by George C. Petredis and William S. Fryer, partners in the electrical sub-contracting firm of Petredis and Fryer, Pittsburgh. Their firm was doing electrical work on the drive-in theatre which was being constructed at Bridgeville, Pa., by the Dill Construction Company of Latrobe, Pa.

INJUNCTION

The Building Trades Council and the seven locals have been enjoined from their alleged boycott activities since September 30, 1948. On that date United States District Judge R. M. Gibson issued a temporary injunction forbidding the alleged illegal activities pending final decision on the case by the board. The injunction was requested by the N.L.R.B. General Counsel under the mandatory injunctions provisions of the Labor Management Relations Act. The injunction was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit at Pittsburgh on March 4, 1949, is still in effect.

All Five Basic AGC Trades Sign

All five of the so-called basic trades dealing with the AGC in northern California were signed up with the employers for at least another year with the announcement this week that Cement Finishers' locals operating in the 46 northern California counties had agreed to accept a five cents an hour increase.

The five are the Engineers, Teamsters, Carpenters, Laborers and Cement Finishers.

Building material drivers in San Francisco and San Mateo counties, and the Carpenters in those counties and in Alameda and Marin,

deal directly with employer groups for those areas rather than with the AGC.

The S. F. and San Mateo drivers currently are locked out by their employers and the Carpenters are awaiting an Appellate Court decision sought by their employer groups to forestall arbitration of wage demands which had previously been ordered by Superior Court in San Francisco.

The Cement Finishers agreed to a two-year contract. The journeyman rate will be \$2.20 per hour. The five cents an hour raise will apply to all classifications.

1949 Profits After Taxes Promise To Be Nearly Double 1929 Figures

What is truth about profits?

Newspapers and magazines, following the "Business is awful? Hurry up and cut our taxes!" line of Big Business, have been full of stories about "skidding" and "fast declining" profits.

The conservatives would have you believe that the profit picture is a sorry one indeed.

THE FACTS

But what about the facts? Take a look:

Profits of all private corporations, after taxes, this year probably will be nearly double what they were in 1929.

In 1949, corporations should earn \$2.51 billion more than they made in 1946.

And this year's profits will be only somewhat off 1947 figures.

TRIPLE IN 10 YEARS

Corporate earnings will be more than three times as high in 1949 as in 1939.

The 1949 profit figure will be more than one and a half times 1941 earnings.

Corporations will earn more this year than in any one of the years during World War II.

Here are the corporate profit figures, after taxes, in billions of dollars:

1929	.....	\$ 8.4	1944	.....	\$10.8
1939	.....	5.0	1945	.....	8.7
1940	.....	6.4	1946	.....	12.8
1941	.....	9.4	1947	.....	18.1
1942	.....	9.4	1948	.....	20.1
1943	.....	10.4	1949 (est)	.....	15.3

All figures except the 1949 one are from the Department of Commerce. This year's figure is an estimate by the President's Council of Economic Advisers.

Set NLRB Vote For Auto Wkrs.

Cincinnati.—An NLRB election will determine the right of a United Auto Workers (AFL) local to retain its bargaining position for 1400 employees of the Globe-Wernicke Co., office equipment manufacturer. This was confirmed here by Peter G. Noll, international executive board member and regional UAW-AFL director.

Meanwhile the company has chosen to recognize employees who voted to drop the UAW charter and affiliate with the Upholsterers International Union (AFL). The firm signed a two-year contract with the UIU local, including provisions for a half-day off with pay on election day and a \$10 Christmas bonus.

WHO GETS \$20,000?

The NLRB election also may have a bearing on the ownership of approximately \$20,000 held by a local bank pending the cleanup of the snarl between the two unions.

Supporters of the UAW-AFL local have elected a new set of officers with Matthew J. Stitzel, former bargaining committee chairman, as president. The dispute began when a woman employee of the plant was dismissed. She protested that local Pres. David Snider was responsible for her dismissal and carried her appeal to the international UAW-AFL board.

The board ruled in her favor and ordered Snider removed as president of the local. Snider and several fellow officers then led a move to take the UIU charter.

Sacramento.—With Gov. Earl Warren's signature, the bill providing \$3 a day for hospital care, up to 12 days a year, for beneficiaries of the State Disability Benefits Act, has become law. It will go into effect next January 1. Over 3,000,000 workers come under its scope. It is financed through the 1% of wages or salary paid by employer and employee, which has already enabled workers to collect up to \$25 a week for 26 weeks when they are unemployed because of illness or injury.

Meany Assails Record of Tories In Blunt Talk

Syracuse, N. Y.—In a slashing attack upon the reactionaries from both parties responsible for retention of the Taft-Hartley Act, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany denounced Dixiecrat senators "as wolves in sheep's clothing" and the Republican Party leadership as "the tool of the small number of individuals who control and direct the most powerful corporations."

DUE FOR SURPRISE

These reactionaries are due for a sharp surprise in 1950, Mr. Meany predicted, if the members of organized labor and their families and friends make certain to register and vote, "because the American worker today doesn't vote the way the corporation-owned newspapers advise him to vote."

Mr. Meany's blunt political charges against the enemies of labor were contained in an address scheduled for delivery at the convention of the New York State Federation of Labor here.

PULLS NO PUNCHES

Without pulling his punches, Mr. Meany named Senator Byrd of Virginia, Senators Eastland and Stennis of Mississippi and Senator George of Georgia as typical of the Dixiecrat group "all of whom might more accurately be described as the senators from the Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers."

After reviewing labor's unsuccessful efforts to obtain action on repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act at the current session of Congress and after detailing the various compromises agreed to by AFL leaders—short of the anti-strike injunction, which labor will never swallow—Mr. Meany really went to town against the Republicans. He said: GOP'S SAD PLIGHT

"Before I close I want to call attention to the very sad plight of one of our major political parties. I refer to the Republican Party. There are some good men in the Republican Party, but they are woefully out numbered.

"Let's be frank about this. What is the Republican Party trying to do? Is it determined to commit suicide? It certainly would appear that way to any observer.

"Look what happened in 1948. The Democratic Party was split 3 ways. There were, first of all, the regular Democrats. Then there were the so-called Dixiecrats, the reactionaries who walked out of the national convention and set up their own candidate for President. Then there were the Henry Wallaceites, made up of extreme left wingers.

"And yet the Republican Party, confronted with a situation that surely seemed ideal from its standpoint, lost the election once again. The last time the Republicans elected their Presidential candidate was away back in 1928.

HAS TIME COME?

"Isn't it time that the Republican Party stopped to consider what the trouble is? Or does the Republican Party want to go along in the same way, never forgetting anything and never learning anything, until the party disintegrates and vanishes from the scene?"

Washington.—The first annual report of President Truman's water pollution board released July 27 declared "the dispollment of our water resources is disgraceful."

Rosy Economy For U.S. Painted By Recent Report

A rosy picture of the economic future of the United States was painted by the Twentieth Century Fund in a report based on an exhaustive study of the nation's needs and resources.

Decrying gloomy implications that our economic system was "running down," the report said the nation faced the future with the greatest assets ever possessed by a nation and with "enormous" opportunities for both public and private investment and business growth.

By stepping up our output only 8 per cent above normal expectations, based on the actual past performance of the American economic system, this country could produce enough by 1960 to provide adequate standards of food, housing, education and medical care for every American, the report said.

BOOKLET TELLS STORY

The fund's appraisal was contained in an illustrated booklet, "U. S. A.—Measure of a Nation," written by Thomas R. Carskadon and Rudolf Modley. The volume draws upon the findings of a nationwide survey made by J. Fredrick Dewhurst and Associates.

"By 1960," the report said "we shall have an opportunity to put \$45,000,000,000 a year into needed capital goods. On the basis of our best sustained record in the past, during the 1920s, we would be likely to put in about \$39,000,000,000.

"The extra \$6,000,000,000 is a measured margin of our ability to absorb huge additional investment funds, the frontier on which our system can grow and expand indefinitely."

Discussing the present business recession, the report said:

FOR THE LONG PULL

"For the long pull, we can see that both boom and bust are passing phases in the steady record of our long-term advance. Wherever we may stand at any given moment—in boom or depression—or at any point in between—we should remember our tremendous underlying strength. We can expand."

The report made this observation on the basis of an examination of every phase of the country's economic system:

POWER TO PRODUCE

"From it we get one overriding impression—our immense power to produce. We now have the highest standard of living ever attained by man. The average American earns more money, eats better food, has a better house, better clothes, schools, theaters, more conveniences than the average citizen of any other country anywhere, any time."

By 1960, the report declared, the country's expected population of more than 155,000,000 "will offer a probable market of at least \$159,000,000,000 in money spent by consumers."

"This would be a market spending three-quarters more than the \$90,000,000,000 we spent in our big 'boom' year of 1929," the report added.

The Twentieth Century Fund was founded in 1919 and endowed by the late Edward A. Filene. The fund's income, administered as a public trust by a board of trustees, is devoted entirely to its own activities.

Maritime Body Hits Move to Report Bridges

The newly-organized Maritime Federation of the World, set up as a subdivision of the World Federation of Trade Unions, has denounced the present U. S. attempt to deport President Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO). This was disclosed July 31 by the ILWU.

Bridges was named president of the new body, which declared that regardless of whether or not the U. S. succeeds in deporting the ILWU leader, "there will be a place for him in the international organization of the maritime workers and in the labor movement of the respective countries."

"The international labor unions do not intend to surrender their leaders to the forces of reaction and we serve notice to the ship-owners of the world and those of the U. S. in particular," the resolution added, "that . . . he (Bridges) will continue to be a part of the international fight of all seamen and dockers for a better life."

HIRE MEN OVER 40

Washington.—The executive council of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) July 25 asked all members of Congress either to lower the retirement age under social security or enact legislation banning discrimination in hiring against older workers.

In a letter to members of Congress and chairmen of the two major parties, Pres. Al Hayes of the Machinists said "his organization wants a law which would prohibit discrimination in hiring of men and women over 45."

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STILL COOKING UP WAR

Having failed thus far to get a war with Russia under way our war enthusiasts in Congress are beginning to give considerable attention to excited advocacy of resuming pouring money and war supplies into the lap of the fading Nationalist government of China. With enough of our American money already wasted on bolstering up this dying regime to more than take care of our own two billion dollar deficit for the last fiscal year ending June 30th we still have people in Congress who want our own government to pour still more down this hopeless rat-hole.

It is a matter of record that when we did send money and large-scale supplies to help this corrupt regime in China, which is now asking for more, those in charge of receiving it sold what they could of our donated stocks in their black market at outrageously high prices and what they could not dispose of this way was allowed to lie in heaps to rot. When this steadily disappearing government loses Canton, which now seems imminent, all the war and food supplies on earth, would be futile, in any attempt that might be made to restore the old government in those parts of China from which it has been ousted.

When our government stopped sending money or supplies to this cesspool of corruption that till recently ruled China with the iron hand of despotism, such action was long past due and fully justified. What possible good can come from a resumption of such folly? To send more money to China now would simply help to make a bad situation worse.

DAYLIGHT JUGGLING AGAIN

Somebody with enough money to spend to hire a small army of professional petition circulators to go out to ding-dong California registered voters long enough and hard enough to get the required quota of signatures are again responsible for the so-called daylight saving proposition to get on next November's ballot. California voted on this measure once before and it was rejected. Twice since then it has been foisted on Californians; once as a war measure and last year to help our light and power monopolies tide over a dry season.

Now another attempt is to be made in November to foist this daylight savings nuisance on our people as a regularly established set-up every year starting with April and ending with October. What encourages these daylight jugglers is the fact that several of the larger Eastern states bit on the plan and made it law, hence they are hooked now till the people of these states get riled up enough to repeal this nuisance law.

Since this measure is to be on the ballot next November the voters of California will have another chance to demonstrate their good sense by rejecting it again, as they did last time they voted it down and out. There is no good reason for such a law in California. Anybody who wants to start operations one hour earlier every day of summer can do so right now if they really want to. Why pass a law on the subject? The law does not change the time the sun rises and sets. It's just a nuisance.

OPPOSITION ALWAYS ENCOUNTERED

Everything that labor ever advocated has had to fight its way to the front against the most intense opposition of all kinds of groups interested in leaving things as they are. It was so with workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, social security, public schools and many other measures, which were first advocated by the unions. Once established the general public usually takes such a strong stand for such reforms that opposition to them largely disappears.

There is sure to be much bitter opposition to health insurance, minimum wage laws and various other measures that have already won widespread support. Just one really progressive Congress should put most of them over in their first session, which we hope will be when the 82nd Congress convenes early in 1951. But no matter how progressive the next Congress may be the undying opposition to everything labor may advocate is certain to assert itself and will have to be overcome by superior numbers.

That there should always be this opposition to overcome is probably all for the best. To survive and eventually win out over such determined opponents must have a tendency to clarify the issues involved, so that when victory is finally achieved it should rest on a clearcut and permanent foundation.

There is no country which can have any more democracy than it puts into practice, no matter what may be written in the constitution. The greatest need of our day and age is for the American people to practice their democracy more and talk less about it than they are doing. Words mean little or nothing until that which is uttered is actually performed.

Any citizen who has the right to vote and does not use it is unfit to live in a democracy.

Grin or Groan

WISE

Going to his employer, a young man explained he was getting married and would like an increase of pay.

"Ah," said the employer, "I suppose you want a little bigger fund to draw on for household expenses."

"No, sir," replied the employee. "The fact is, my future wife knows exactly what I get, so I would like a little extra for my own use that she doesn't know about."

No race can prosper 'til it learns that there is as much dignity in tilling the field as writing a poem. —Booker T. Washington.

SCENTED A BIRD

When John Long of Fort Worth took his hunting dog out last fall to show him off to several strangers, to his amazement the dog pointed to one of them.

"He's smarter than you think," said the man, "my name is Partridge."

No man is the wiser for his learning; it may provide objects to work on; but wit and wisdom is born with a man. —Selden.

FIRE!

Her husband being slightly indisposed, a young and inexperienced wife attempted to take his temperature, and, in a state of great excitement, scribbled a note to the doctor:

"Dear Doctor—Please come at once. My husband's temperature is 136."

The doctor replied: "Dear Madam—The case is beyond my skill. Send for the fire engine."

WE GIVE UP

One cynic wants to know if it is 'cause of hot air that so many diplomats wear stovepipe hats?

STILL ON ROUGH SIDE

It was two o'clock in the morning, and from the downstairs living room came the sound of blaring radio jazz, raucous shouts, and rippling peals of laughter. With some friends, Janie, the daughter of the family, was celebrating her summer release from school.

Dad raised a throbbing head from pillow, stared with lackluster eye at his mate and feebly remarked:

"You know, Mary, when we put Janie in that swank finishing school, there was one thing we forgot to ask them."

"What was that?" Mary sleepily inquired.

To which father cracked: "Whether they finished 'em rough or smooth."

USEFUL

It was after the opera. The expensively-dressed woman approached the broad-shouldered man. "If I am not mistaken," she said, "I have the honor of speaking to the renowned bass have I not?"

He felt flattered. "And what can I do for you, madam?"

"I can't find my car," she answered pleasantly. "Would you be so kind as to call out 'Charlie' at the top of your voice?"

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CLEAN HANDS

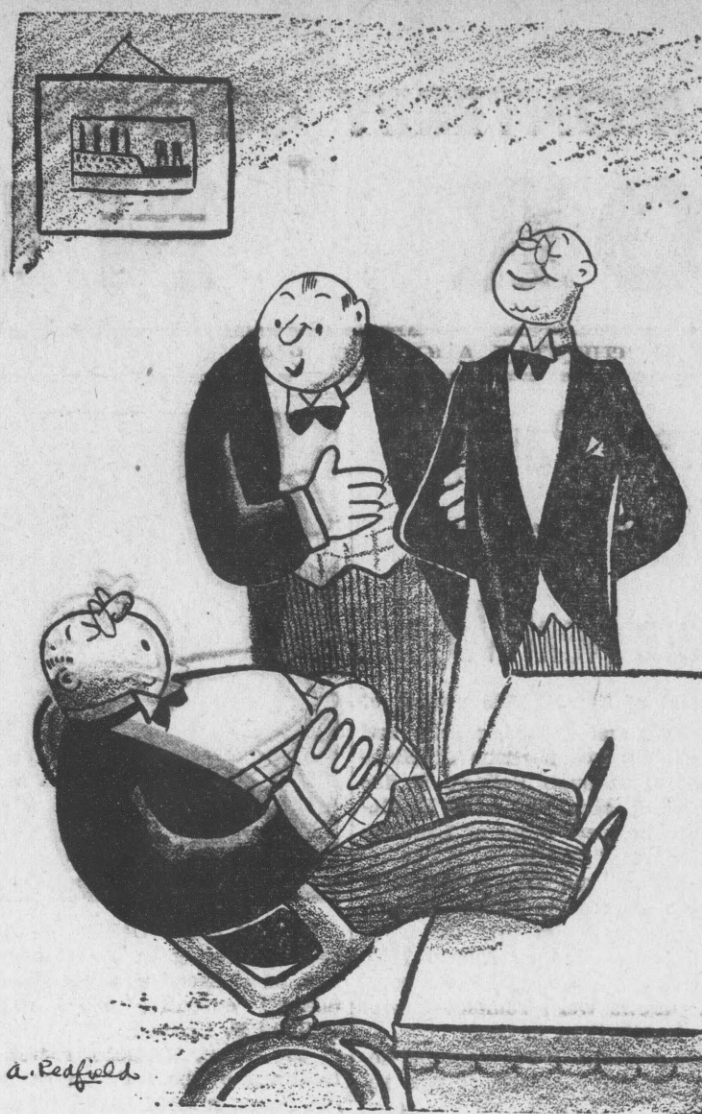
David, aged six, lives over a mile from school and is allowed to make the journey on his tricycle. A few days ago a neighbor on his way to catch his morning bus came across David standing forlornly beside his tricycle, the chain of which had come off. He soon put matters right, though at some cost to his well-groomed appearance.

"Now that you are six you will soon be able to put your chain on for yourself," he said to David when he had finished.

"Oh, I can now," replied David, "but it dirties my hands."



"I WON, MOM!"—Lovely Mary Collins shows her delight after her selection from more than 50 candidates as Miss New York City at Carnegie Hall. Mary is now a contestant for the Miss America title. Contest takes place at Atlantic City, N. J., in September.



HOW TO BE AN EFFICIENT BOSS DEPT.—"Wake up, here's Mr. Puddlewaffle, our new speed-up expert."



OUR GROUNDHOG WORLD

By Geo. Cartwright

ALUMINUM

"Awake," Jehovah's Witnesses' bi-monthly in two recent issues gives readers a great public service, advising the dangers of use of aluminum cooking utensils to health of persons eating food cooked therein. Four doctors are quoted to the effect, "aluminum is not good for your insides." From another source we learn fumes from a broken fluorescent light bulb are dangerous to inhale, as are cuts from its broken glass. Burned out bulbs should be buried in the ground.

BOOZE-FIGHTERS' BREAKDOWN

Dr. Wm. C. Mather, Penn State College, states: "Alcoholism can flourish in societies where there is economic insecurity, great competitive strain, pervading fear as to impending war, and dislike of children—all present in our own society." Every police department record shows crime increases when jobs are scarce and workers hungry. More people drink because they are poor than are poor because they drink.

BUSINESS LIFE EXPECTANCY

The average expectancy of a California business at a given location is two and a half years. Los Angeles news item quotes State Board of Equalization that 54 of every 100 restaurant permits terminated last year. Moral—Go into a small business and learn what "free enterprise" means in a land monopolized so most of your customers don't own enough ground to be buried in standing up.

BRITAIN'S RACE RIOTS

Britain is not inflected with any cross-burning, night-shirt Negro baiting Klan but has race riots. RR-Brotherhoods' Labor reports the "new empire" in Africa produces soldiers who helped in World War, big African chiefs' sons have been educated in England, thousands of other Negroes work in various parts of Britain, when a Negro put his arm about a white girl trouble flared. The "Bobbies," i.e., policemen, say small riots have been going on for months.

JOHN BILL'S ANGUS BULLS

U. S. Sen. James P. Kem speaking, July 22, 1949: "British farmers, in particular, are regulated from sunup to sundown. A British farmer may neither kill a pig, nor give a dozen eggs to a neighbor without first applying for and securing a permit from the proper authorities. The Ministry of Agriculture can force a farmer off his own land if he does not plow, sow, and reap according to plan."

"The British Board of Trade issued a regulation that metal discs be attached to the horns of pedigree Aberdeen Angus bulls being exported. Later the order was amended requiring instead that the horns be branded. Then the order was canceled altogether—the Board of Trade discovered Aberdeen Angus bulls have no horns."

ECONOMICS OR POLITICS

University of Economics Foundation 101 Park Ave., N. Y., states: We must "eliminate the political racket by separating politics from government through economic education. Economics is the science of government and coordination essential for good living. . . . The

atomic age will either usher in a better world without politics, provincialism, monarchy, monopoly, credit and taxes or else destroy civilization. Civilizations have been destroyed before and have retrogressed to savagery and barbarism. The choice is between Economics and Politics. Which shall it be?" N. B.—For a knowledge of Economics, not taught in our schools, remit \$1 to Henry George School of Social Science, 50 East 69th St., New York 21, N. Y., requesting a copy of "Progress and Poverty," by Henry George and their Free Mail Economics Course.

FEAR PROMOTION REACTS

For months our radio, press and piffle-peddlers' platform orators for monopoly have spread Communist-baiting fear and witch-hunting tactics. Fear has become the "yellow peril" of America, where no one dares have an opinion that the boss does not approve. "As you do unto others it will be done unto you," is the Chinese golden rule. The fear injected into workers' minds now begins to affect the higher-ups strata. Hiram's Masonic Journal for July features a small front-page item, "A New Movement." It is said to organize quietly, house-to-house meetings, no known head, a mysterious method of organization, as unemployment mounts membership will increase, etc. We assume the writer has in mind "Caesar's Column," written in Populist days. It described how mysterious meetings were held, admission by pass-word and proper rap to an ante-room by a masked guard, given a mask and admitted to the meeting where all business was conducted by a masked audience. It's a cheaper night-mare to read the story than to buy enough booze to develop delirium tremens.

LAUGH THIS ONE OFF

There are 200,000 employees in the Department of Agriculture. If the Brannan bill is enacted, this force will hardly be able to manage things. It will be augmented, no doubt, from the ranks of the farmers driven out of business by the law.—analysis, N. Y.

RAISING THE RENT

There came last evening to my door
A man I had not met before.
His smile was soft, his manner bland,
His voice was like the rose's scent;
Said he, "I've bought this building, and,
I'm going to raise your rent."
I threw my portal open wide,
"O, thank you, thank you, sir!" I cried.
"For—well, you know—the times—
—the war—
O, this is good of you!
I'm glad you're going to raise it, for
It's more than I can do!"
—Edmund Vance Cooke

Washington. — A two-bartender cafe, complete with pinball machine and juke box, is not important enough in its effect on interstate commerce to take up the time of the NLRB, that agency ruled August 2nd. Dismissing a complaint by one of the bartenders against Local 52, Bartenders International (AFL), the NLRB also frustrated its general counsel, Robert N. Denham, who wanted the case continued.

Lawrence Notes Rise In B-T Jobs

In announcing further plans for the 34th annual convention of the State Building & Construction Trades Council to be held in Santa Barbara the week beginning November 14, Frank Lawrence, general president, pointed out the importance of meeting at this particular time due to the current greater than seasonal activity in the construction industry.

According to reports from Washington and elsewhere, Lawrence stated that all types of construction showed an increase during the past month. The rise in private construction was considerably greater than seasonal, while the rise in public activity was around normal for this time of year.

NEW HIGH LEVEL

He went on to say that the dollar value of new construction has reached the highest level since last November, a greater than seasonal advance of 11 per cent, and now stands at \$1.76 billion. For the first billion of work has been completed—six months of the year about 88 per cent more than for the corresponding period last year. According to Mr. Lawrence, the number of construction jobs started in June reflect this strong upward trend and indicate the growing healthiness of the industry at this time.

While completing plans for the smooth coordination of convention activities and the accommodation of delegates in Santa Barbara, Lawrence detailed some of the more important matters to be brought before this November meeting. These include: representation for affiliated local Building and Construction Trades Councils on the basis of a per capita tax, the creation of a General Executive Board, the adoption of a union label to be posted on construction jobs and the advocacy of a six hour day on public works.

OFFICE MOVED

President Lawrence also announced that the office of the State Building and Construction Trades Council had been moved, as of August 1, to 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

Private Utility Lobby Uses Old 'Smear' Tactic

Private utilities in the Pacific Northwest have formed a "front" organization to fight a Columbia Valley Administration. Reporting on the establishment of an anti-public power organization called the Pacific Northwest Development Association, the Oregon Teamster, published in Portland, says:

"Private power companies are required by law to file statements of financial expenditures. The League for CVA (a pro-public power group) recently delved into the 1949 expenditures of power firms doing business in Oregon. These statements are on record at the state capital in Salem.

"The league says it found that the Mountain States Power Co., Pacific Power & Light Co., Portland General Electric Co. and the Idaho Power Co. all had made contributions or donations to the operation of the Pacific Northwest Development Association."

And this is what the Oregon Teamster states the power companies are saying through their "front" group:

'FASCIST' TAG

"The association . . . hysterically alludes to the CVA proposal as a national socialist-fascist superstate, and, by strong implication, labels as fascists the people in Oregon who want a CVA."

"To tag the name 'fascist' on thousands of Oregon workers and farmers who want a CVA is to display a type of intellectual delinquency that hasn't been seen in these parts for many a year."

"When the name calling starts in any battle, it's pretty generally accepted that the caller has run out of ideas and arguments."

New Correspondence Study Offered by U. C. Extension

Mental hygiene forms the subject of a new correspondence course offered by University Extension on the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

Titled "Psychology X4A-B," the course will include study of the social adjustment problems of normal people in the light of psychological principles, the origins of human behavior, and the development of personality and the measurement of personality traits.

Course author and instructor will be Wolcott C. Treat, Harvard University, who has had extensive experience both in teaching and counseling in the field of psychology.

Information and enrollment forms may be obtained by writing the department of correspondence instruction, University Extension, University of California, Berkeley 4.

Ornburn Urges Labor Gain Offensive; Points to AFL'S Drive for Progress

By I. M. ORNBURN
Secretary-Treasurer, Union Label Trades Department

As trade unionists, let's get on the offensive! We should never let our enemies place us on the defensive. Officials and members of the American Federation of Labor have so much of which to be proud. Let's place our winning cards on the table. We should never allow labor's opposition to cripple us with vicious anti-union legislation or with poison anti-labor propaganda. All we have to do is to "sell" to the public the following facts: The American Federation of Labor has been the pioneer in our "American way of life;" our purchasing power forms the major portion of all consumer buying; union label goods are the best in both quality and workmanship; union services are the most efficient, and the benefits of the AFL's battle during the past 68 years for decent wages, hours and working conditions are now enjoyed by all the people of these United States and Canada.

We built the AFL movement by taking the offensive. Union Label Week, September 3-10, over Labor Day, furnishes a splendid opportunity to do the positive thing and start a drive for union label goods and union services.

Current wages, hours of toil and modern standards come so easy to new members of labor unions that these great benefits are not always

fully appreciated by them. To change working conditions, pioneer labor leaders made great sacrifices. They were intimidated, threatened, jailed and sometimes shot down in the battle for present-day labor standards. Many now living, can recall when wages were only a dollar a day and men worked over 12 hours each day of the week. Today almost all organized workers receive more than a dollar for one hour's work and the 40-hour week is generally recognized in all industries.

At our Union Industries Shows, the dramatized realism of actually seeing union-crafted products made and witnessing unexcelled union services performed are most effective answers to anti-union publicity campaigns and foreign totalitarianism.

The Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, therefore, urges all members of international, national and federal unions, union label leagues and women's auxiliaries to always demand the union label, shop card and union button. By so doing, we shall guarantee employment of our fellow trade unionists, maintain union wages and other labor standards, and make secure America's economic stability in a worried world.

Sparkman, Spence Offer Bill Aimed At Doubling U.S. Home-building Rate

A bill which would help persons in the middle income bracket to get better housing is before Congress. Principally through insuring loans made by private investors, the measure seeks to more than double the present rate of home-building in the nation.

The bill, introduced in the Senate by John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.) and in the House by Brent Spence (D., Ky.), is a counterpart to the public housing legislation enacted in June.

The public housing measure provides for adequate living facilities for persons with extremely low incomes. The Sparkman-Spence proposal aids the 20 per cent of the population whose incomes are too high to take advantage of public housing and too low to buy homes on the present market.

HO, HUM

The real estate lobby opposed the public housing bill as "socialism," because it helps the plain people of America.

Real estate lobbyists probably will not battle new housing bill even though it embodies the same principle of government aid as the public housing measure. Reason: The Sparkman-Spence bill takes most of the risk out of the housing business through federal insurance of loans made by the real estate industry to persons buying houses. In addition to insuring private loans to home buyers, the bill also aids cooperatives building homes or apartments for rent or sale.

COST TOO MUCH

The most homes ever built in one year in the United States was 900,000 in 1948. But most were so high-

priced that only the well-to-do could buy them.

Under the new housing bill, two million homes would be built annually. It is estimated that between now and 1960 America will need 15 million new housing units.

Hailing the measure, Harry C. Bates, chairman of the AFL's Housing Committee, declared that its provisions "for the first time will make it possible for union workers to obtain decent housing at lower prices."

\$3,000,000 Allotted For Mental Research And Training

Washington. — Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing July 28 announced the award of more than \$3 million in grants to continue research in mental illness and train personnel to handle them. For continuing 34 research programs the agency awarded \$489,584. To train personnel in psychiatry, neurology, clinical psychology, and psychiatric nursing and social work \$2,554,000 was made available.

"You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred."—A. Lincoln.

The Parable of the Hot Dog Man . . .

- Once there was a man who lived by the side of the road and sold "hot dogs."
- He was hard of hearing, so he had no radio. He had trouble with his eyes, so he read no newspapers.
- But he sold good hot dogs. He was a firm believer in advertising, so he put signs along the highway advertising the merits of his hot dogs, and he stood by the side of the road and cried:
- "Buy a hot dog, mister!" And people bought.
- He increased his meat and bun order. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his growing trade. Finally, business became so good that he brought his son home from the city to help him.
- Then something happened: His son said:
- "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? Haven't you been reading the newspapers? There is a big depression on. The European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse. Everything is going to pot."
- Whereupon the father thought:
- "Well, my son has been to college. He has lived in the city with big business men. He reads the papers and listens to the radio. He ought to know."
- So the father cut down on his meat and bun order, curtailed his advertising, and no longer bothered to stand by the highway and call out his wares.
- His sales fell off almost overnight. He said to his boy:
- "You were right, son, we certainly are in the midst of a great depression!"

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CARPENTER ROUNDUP

SALINAS CARPENTERS' UNION 925

During the absence of Office Secretary Mrs. Margaret Brown of Carpenters Union 925, the union office will be open only during the regular hours of Business Representative Harvey Baldwin, it was announced last week.

Mrs. Brown and her husband, LeRoy Brown, left last week-end on a train trip to the Grand Canyon for a vacation. They are due back next week.

For the rest of the week and until Mrs. Brown returns, office hours for Local 925 will be those when Bro. Baldwin is in—early morning, late afternoon, and perhaps a half hour from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

NO MORE CARPENTERS ARE NEEDED IN SALINAS!

Business Representative Baldwin announces that there are more than enough carpenters on the unemployment list of Local 925 to fill all calls from the Moss Landing job (P. G. & E.) and also to supply calls when the state prison job at Soledad is started.

At present there are about 250 carpenters working on the forms and helping build the big tunnels at the steam generator project at Moss Landing, and this number is the peak, Baldwin reports.

While there will be some turnover on the Moss Landing job, the total is not expected to be increased.

As for the state prison job, there is no indication of when the project will be started. Bids are still being checked by architects.

Local 925 has five men employed now on the present farm building at the prison site.

Next meeting of Local 925 is Tuesday night, August 16, at the union's own building on North Main St., Salinas.

Arnold Wants Law Limiting Activities Of Labor Unions

Former Asst. Atty. Gen. Thurman Arnold July 26 advised the Senate Banking Committee to write a law defining the legitimate activities in which a union can engage without being subject to the anti-trust laws.

Testifying at the hearings being conducted by Sen. A. Willis Robertson (D., Va.) in an attempt to break the power of the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) and other strong industry-wide labor organizations, Arnold also declared that the Taft-Hartley law is not strong enough and should be buttressed by addition of provisions for private injunctions against unions.

"It is impossible," he said "for the Federal Government to investigate all the small violations by unions in every part of the country. There should be a provision in the Taft-Hartley law allowing a company which is injured to bring suit for an injunction against the union."

"However," Arnold added, "I doubt if you could get a strengthened Taft-Hartley law passed now and anyway that should be in the province of the labor committee."

Arnold insisted that the Supreme Court in a series of decisions had removed the limitation on activities for all practical purposes and left the unions free to follow any activities.

"This committee," he said, "should write the legitimate activities limitation back into the Clayton act."

Under the proposed law, he said, unions should be allowed to strike for wages, hours, working conditions and the right to bargain collectively.

WHAT UNIONS CANNOT DO

"The law should define certain things a union cannot do," he said. "Among these should be: (1) erect tariff walls to keep goods out of certain communities; (2) prevent the use of efficient equipment; (3) restrict production or keep prices high; (4) enforce featherbedding or made work practices; and (5) prohibit the existence of independent small businesses."

"There is no question that Congress has recognized the right of labor unions to attempt to create a monopoly of the labor market. This is an established principle and should not be disturbed," Arnold said. "But once that power is granted it is dangerous to let it function without curbs."

Washington.—Carroll R. Daugherty, Northwestern U. professor of business economics and chairman of President Truman's steel fact finding board, said the fact finding hearings will open in New York.

August copy, the back cover which shows our shop card this month we are featuring our Milk Wagon Drivers. Spend your union wages at Union dairies. For your information all of the Milk Wagon drivers are members of our Union, including Swell Time Ice Cream. This Union is made up of fifteen divisions of which this month we are publicizing in the August issue of the International Teamster the Dairy Division.

Teamsters Study Milk Prices

New York. — The International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) here has set up a committee to see what can be done about cutting milk prices.

David Kaplan, IBT economist, told the New York State Temporary Commission on Agriculture that "milk unions are profoundly interested in the welfare of the milk industry as well as the interests of the farmers and consumers."

At the same time Kaplan made it clear that he didn't want to "make any flamboyant statements that the price of milk can be reduced in this complex market, because it might raise hopes that cannot be realized."

MANY WAYS
Speaking for 12,000 IBT members employed by milk distributors, Kaplan pointed out that there were many ways to cut the cost of milk, "but they are not the ways we choose in a free, democratic system." For example, he said, a state monopoly under which distribution would be planned would cut costs. But this, he said, would be undemocratic.

Industry representatives also have set up a committee to study the situation.

Los Angeles.—Members of Local 108, Sheet Metal Workers International Association (AFL), unanimously okayed a new contract which increases wages 10¢ an hour. The new agreement also provides a vacation plan and greater security for shop stewards.

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IMPORTANT—To all our members:

Your Union is very much concerned with the lack of interest labor and public generally are taking with regards to our community. For a number of years the economy of some thirty-five thousand workers, including business men, have been dependent on Agriculture in order to earn a living. During the war and immediately following our community was

afforded the opportunity of inviting national concerns to open branches in our area, but these selfish people were not interested, assuming at this time that the lettuce industry was the back bone of this community. Several years have gone by and very little new business has been created which would in times, such as we are going through, take up the slack so that employment rolls would be maintained. This lack of interest was shown primarily by those who are in control of the land and who were reluctant to make certain sacrifices by holding prices of land to such a ridiculous point where outside interest could not afford establishing branches in this area.

Your Union is not familiar with all the rigmarole surrounding this situation, but, very certainly adjacent areas have progressed during this time while we remained dormant. Your Union is concerned with this situation; for that reason we are taking an active interest in civic affairs as well as politics so that a move is made to create the necessary interest. It isn't too late to go to work; we are fearful that those of us who are dependent upon agriculture for years to come may find ourselves in a situation which will result in great numbers of unemployment.

We are receiving very little assistance with regards to this situation from our Assemblymen and State Senator who during the past legislative session in Sacramento have done very little to contribute to the welfare of this community and we refer now to social measures such as strengthening the Unemployment Insurance act which would give full and complete coverage to all workers including agriculture workers as well as many other measures which would bring thousands upon thousands of dollars into this community in the form of payrolls. These same gentlemen, rather than think of the great majority in the community, are concerned primarily of the interest of a few groups and by their very actions have weakened the Unemployment Insurance act to such a degree where this winter many workers will find themselves not eligible for Unemployment Insurance, therefore, becoming a burden upon the community; a detriment to themselves, the shop owners, landlords and etc.

In order to keep abreast of events to come it is important that we prepare ourselves for elections by registering to vote; to vote to rid the community of public servants who are not capable and who fail to properly represent the community from which they are elected. It is important that you become a registered voter. REGISTER NOW! You can do so at the Union office, 275 E. Alisal St., Salinas.

SHED WORKERS

It is very likely that an election for certification for all shed workers will again be held. Local 912, a sister local of this Union has finally proved to many of the shed workers what actually happened last January 15 when the Grower Shippers and the left-wing FTA-CIO Local 78 cooked a phoney deal wherein the people gave up many of the gains which they had made under the present officers of Local 912. Space does not permit all of the details concerning this papa and mama deal where the workers in the sheds were given a contract which gave them no gains; an open shop agreement and considered by the National Labor Relations Board as an illegal contract. As you recall the majority of these people voted no union. Now this Union is not opposed to the CIO as such, but very certainly opposed to labor organizations such as we have on the San Francisco Water Front controlled by Harry Bridges and Local 78, who are interested in a philosophy which is foreign to the members of real American labor organizations. There is no doubt in our minds that a few people completely control and dominate great numbers in this instance for their services using the worker as political football. That is why many of the workers, including the former officers of local 78 have formed a separate local under the American Federation of Labor.

SHOP CARD
The shop card of our Interna-

tional Union is continually being recognized in many places of business where we have contracts. You will find this shop card, which means Union services, in many gas stations; you will find it in a smaller size in taxicab windows. We ask that you become shop card minded; we ask that you patronize these places that employ members of the union. We ask that you patronize the following stations and tire shops:

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Remember that Your Union maintains two offices, one in Salinas and one in Monterey to keep you informed at all times.

CANNERIES:

Fairview and Hollister Canning Companies in Hollister are about to start the peach canning season. We ask that you check the Cannery Reporter regularly regarding piece work rates as well as your bulletin board in the plant. Bro. William G. Kenyon, known as "Bud" to many of you is in these plants regularly to service all of the members.

C. B. GENTRY—GILROY

A meeting will be called soon for this group regarding our new contract. All conditions in the present contract will remain for the present time.

REGAS & SONS—SAN JUAN

Your new contract is in the process of being negotiated; there is no changes at present.

SPIELG FARM

This firm will start a peach operation very soon. We will also have Pletsweet back for a two months run. Any of our members who worked there last year please contact the Union office.

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW FRANK RAITER CANNING CO.

Contracts have been forwarded to this firm for necessary changes which is in effect throughout the State in all canneries. Your Union is awaiting the return of these contracts. This plant will start very soon on a peach run.

DEMPSEY-HUDSON

Your Union has not been notified when this plant will open. We ask that all of our members formerly employed at Dempsey-Hudsons to register at the office of the Union for employment.

ARE YOU REGISTERED? TO ALL MEMBERS:

It is your duty to report to your Union any violations of your contract. It is your duty to also inform the Union where the employer is employing non-union members while there are union members awaiting jobs in the hall. We ask that you work with your shop steward; watch the bulletin board for new items. Wear your union button on the job.

REGISTER TODAY
Your Union along with many others who are affiliated with the Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7 in San Francisco have finally succeeded in procuring a labor paper which will be on a trial run for three months beginning October 5. This paper will be mailed to all of our members in the district and will contain information dealing with our jurisdiction only.

The Monterey County Labor News has been most favorable to us, but like most Teamster organizations throughout the United States we are always looking for some means to convey information to our members which concerns them and them only. In the Southern part of the state we have the Southern California Teamster; in Oregon we have the Oregon Teamster and in Washington we have the Washington Teamster.

And very soon we will have the Bay Area Teamster with a circulation of some 50,000 members. This we feel is progress—watch this paper.

Are you receiving your International Teamster? Check the

LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California
WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

Salinas will have a new and modern Labor Temple if current plans are carried to a successful conclusion. The Central Labor Council last week re-activated its Labor Temple Committee and gave instructions that potential sites be studied and that recommendations for action be brought to the council as soon as possible.

Salinas Valley Realty Co. has offered sale of Foresters Hall in downtown Salinas for a new Labor Temple. This would be ideal in location, except for parking.

Some of the leaders in the plan want a brand new building, built to meet the exact needs of the Salinas Labor Movement. This idea is being considered very carefully.

Delegates were elected by the Central Labor Union of Monterey County to attend the California State Federation of Labor convention, later this month in Los Angeles.

Council President George Harter and Peter A. Andrade will be the council's official delegates.

If you carry a union card, you should be a registered voter! Make sure you can vote in the next elections. REGISTER NOW!

Draft of a resolution to Anthony Noriega and Al Satre, union officials who are members of the State Board of Prison Correction, is being prepared to ask these AFL members to take steps to see that prisoners stop doing building trades work which should go to free labor.

Bethlehem Profits Biggest in History

Bethlehem Steel Corp. reported July 28 the largest profits for any six months in its history. The company is second in size only to U. S. Steel Corp., which two days earlier also reported record-breaking profits in the first half of 1949.

And like U. S. Steel Board Chairman Irving Olds, Bethlehem Board Chairman Eugene Grace unabashedly coupled his profit announcement with a statement that wage increases for steelworkers are "out of the question."

Commenting on the 30c package increase asked by Pres. Philip Murray of the United Steelworkers (CIO) in his testimony before a three-man fact-finding board here, Grace said: "An increase of 30c would mean an increase of \$10 to \$12 a ton in the cost of producing steel." Such an increase, he added, would touch off inflationary forces that might prove ruinous for the nation's economy.

\$59 MILLION PROFIT

Bethlehem's profits for the first half of this year were \$59,870,000, compared with \$30,599,106 in the similar period last year. Grace said that profits in the first quarter, when the company ranked in \$33,129,574, represented a return of 16.2% on investment. This declined to 12.4% on investment in the second quarter, when company profits were \$26,749,029.

In his testimony before the board, Murray declared: "The industry is amassing profits at the staggering rate approximately \$1 billion annually after all taxes. This is a record high never approached before, even in the boom year of 1929."

OPEN-HANDED U. S. STEEL

Average pension received by U. S. Steel Corp. employees who retire at the age of 65 after years of service is less than \$5 a month, Murray told a Presidential fact-finding board.

"This is the average pension," Murray stressed. "Many employees who have given a lifetime of service to the corporation, in some cases as much as 50 years, receive no pension whatever."

In contrast, these are the pensions management officials will get for the rest of their lives on retirement: Board Chairman Irving Olds, \$63,815 a year; Corp. Pres. Benjamin Fairless, \$70,323 a year; Corp. Finance Committee Chairman E. M. Vorhees, \$70,323.

Hoffman Praises Labor for Backing Marshall Plan

By PAUL G. HOFFMAN
ECLA Administrator

This year we have a particularly good reason to honor American Labor. During the past 12 months the Marshall Plan has been under way. All American groups were asked to help in this great adventure, aimed at recreating those conditions in Europe in which men could live in decency, dignity and freedom. American labor responded magnificently. The constant and vigorous support of the Marshall Plan helped make possible the results we can see today. Your generosity in lending us your leaders to help work out the European Recovery program signifies your sincerity and your determination that the program shall succeed.

I wish personally to greet you on this day. I wish personally to thank you for your unlimited assistance and support of an idea which became a program, of a program which is rapidly becoming a continent rebuilt.

Move to Continue Federal Aid to Unemployed Vets

Federal aid to unemployed veterans would be continued under terms of a measure approved by the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee.

The committee acted to extend, with some modifications, the present "52-20" program under which benefit payments have been averaging more than \$10,000,000 a week.

President Truman asked that the program be continued, but the House version of the extension bill is given a small chance.

Under the program, unemployed veterans may collect up to \$20 a week for 52 weeks.

President Truman had proposed a modification, saying: "Such benefits should not be available to those eligible for unemployment compensation under state laws except where necessary to bring state payments up to the federal level, or when state benefits are used up."

The Senate committee accordingly adopted an amendment to require veterans to file claims under state programs or any other benefit program available before they could qualify for federal aid. Then if the veteran received \$15 a week for example, under a state program, the veterans' program would make up the \$5 difference.

Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat of Florida, estimated that amendment would save the Federal Government about \$200,000,000 a year.

The committee provided, however, that if the bill becomes law before September 30, veterans would continue to be eligible for full federal benefits up to that time.

The committee voted to drop the section covering self-employed veterans. The provision gave veterans in that group \$100 a month, less any sum they earned.

Another committee change would make the state law on waiting periods applicable to the veterans' programs. Thus, if a state law required a veteran to wait two weeks after becoming unemployed before becoming eligible for benefits, he would have to wait that long for federal aid.

Warehouse Boss Front Broken

Butler Brothers, large nationwide distributor of general merchandise, formally withdrew from the Distributors' Association of Northern California to negotiate a separate wage agreement with Warehouse Union Local 6 early this week.

The move was an important break in the solid employer front. The company, with branches across the country, agreed to meet the demands of the Warehouse Union. Minimum wage rates of all employees will be increased 15c as currently demanded by the union. This establishes the base rate at \$1.52 1/2 per hour.

On the date of settlement of the present strike against the DANC, Butler Brothers' wage rates will be adjusted to the amounts agreed upon between the union and the association.

\$60,000,000 Increase in State Revenue

California — California's combined revenue from all sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1949, reached an all-time high of \$787,907,593, according to a report made by State Controller Thomas H. Kuchel.

This represented an increase of \$60,223,320 over the preceding fiscal year and an average of \$76.76 per person residing in the State. Kuchel reported an average daily revenue of \$2,158,651 and compared it to the \$179,933 average of twenty-five years ago when the total revenues amounted to \$65,855,433.

Retail sales and use taxes and permit fees brought \$294,563,917 into the treasury during the year and showed an increase of \$15,987,938 over the 1947-48 period. Motor vehicle fuel taxes and licenses increased approximately 7% to produce the second largest amount, \$128,396,815.

Other major sources of revenue were as follows: Bank and corporation franchise and corporation income taxes, \$75,797,884; motor vehicle fees and licenses \$55,619,761; personal income tax, \$50,177,539; motor vehicle license ("In lieu") tax \$35,633,403; alcohol beverage revenue, \$26,161,882; insurance companies tax, \$20,557,496; inheritance tax, \$20,439,747; horse racing revenue, \$17,008,447; and motor vehicle transportation tax and licenses, \$7,952,675.

Approximately 50,000 veterans have successfully applied to the Department of Veterans Affairs for preferential credits of 10 or 15 points on state civil service examinations.

ATTENTION!

Union Directory will be run in the issue of the second week of each month. All changes, corrections and additions must be received at the newspaper office by the 1st of the month. Clip this directory for reference during the current month.

MONTEREY

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, phone 6341.

BAKERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., L. Taylor, 575 Lighthouse, phone 9215; Bus. Agt., Arthur Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 4745.

BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 2nd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 4th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 5th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 6th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 7th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 8th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 9th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 10th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 11th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 12th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 13th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 14th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 15th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 16th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 17th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 18th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 19th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 20th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 21st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 22nd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 23rd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 24th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 25th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 26th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 27th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 28th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 29th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 30th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 31st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 32nd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 33rd Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 34th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 35th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 36th Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 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